

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Frederic Fortin et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/505,469	)	Examiner: Nicholas W. Woodall
Filed: August 20, 2004	)	
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE	)	Confirmation No.: 4004

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

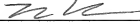
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVIVE**

The prosecution of the above-noted application has recently been transferred to our firm. We acknowledge the Notice of Abandonment mailed on February 6, 2007. We are examining the circumstances under which this case was abandoned and intend to file a Petition to Revive in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: August 16, 2007

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